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Reply To
Attn Of: OWW-130

Michelle Bonnet
Deputy Director
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2617

RE: Request for Final CWA 401 Certification of Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit Re-proposal
(AKG315000)

Dear Ms. Bonnet:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to request a final Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) of the proposed final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) General Permit Re-proposal (Permit No. AKG315000). Enclosed is the proposed final permit action, which reaffirms the produced water effluent limits from the 2007 General Permit, and the EPA's response to comments document. We would appreciate the final certification and a copy of DEC's response to comments. Our goal is to issue the final permit action by the end of September.

The enclosed documents are pre-decisional and contain information upon which final decisions have not been made. The documents are intended for internal DEC use only.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-0171 or shaw.hanh@epa.gov if you have any questions or would like to discuss the enclosed documents.

Sincerely,

Hanh Shaw
Team Lead
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures